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'Heads vs. Feds' brings legalization debate to campus

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NEWS EDITOR

More than 500 UNO students of all ages, eclectic styles and varying opinions flooded the Milo Bail Student Center Nebraska Room Wednesday afternoon to hear both sides of "Heads vs. Feds: The Debate Over the Legalization of Marijuana," presented by Maverick Productions.

Pro-legalization commentary came from Steve Hager, editor-in-chief of *High Times* magazine. Robert M. Stutman, a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, refuted Hager's statements.

Students attended for a variety of reasons. Some had already decided their position on the issue.

"If alcohol can be legal, why can't marijuana? I think the side effects are minimal compared to drunk driving," said Samantha Liechty, 21. "If the United States is a free nation, what you do in the privacy of your own home is your own business."

Others came to learn about the topic and get a well-rounded viewpoint.

"I think it's important to know both sides of any political controversy," said Paul Sanchez, 18. "Being ignorant on one side doesn't solve anything. I want to be a sponge and absorb everything."

The event, moderated by David Gnam of Maverick Productions, began with a 15-minute DVD presentation providing background information on both Hager and Stutman. It then moved to opening statements from the speakers, an open question and answer session with the audience and then closing statements.

Hager spoke about why marijuana

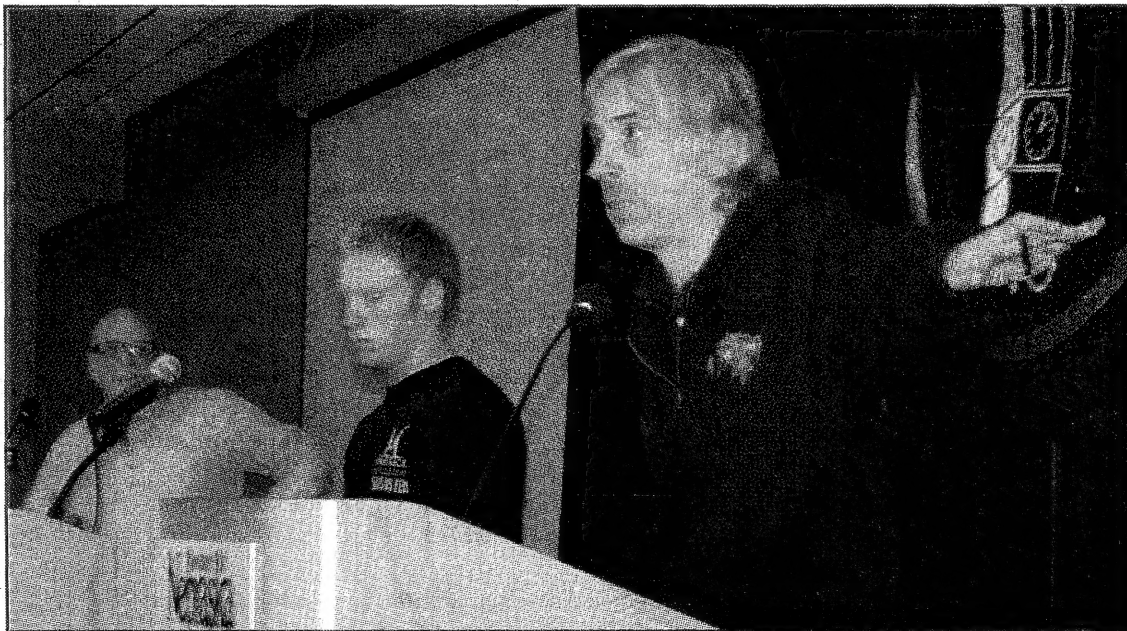
should be legalized in America. His first point was that marijuana is medically beneficial for many disorders and diseases including AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, strokes, asthma and head injuries. However, the U.S. government does not formally recognize this.

"Let's not forget, according to the United States government, marijuana is Schedule 1," he said. "Do you know what that means? It means it has absolutely no medical use whatsoever. It's the equivalent of standing in a raging hurricane and having the United States government tell us the wind ain't blowing."

He went on to say the health care system is "broken" because of increased cost and decreased quality of care.

"It shows the problem with our health care system that they will not even consider natural plants as part of the pharmacopia," Hager said. "There is no doubt in my mind that marijuana is the gold standard of medicine and the refusal to accept this medicine is based on profiteering by the pharmaceutical companies who only want synthetic drugs that they control patents on."

Hager also said scientific research on medicinal benefits of marijuana is stifled. He referenced a 1974 study conducted by the University of Virginia in which rats were



Robert M. Stutman (left) listens as Steve Hager (right) makes opening statements during "Heads vs. Feds" on Wednesday. David Gnam (center) of Maverick Productions moderated the debate. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

given brain cancer and then injected with THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. According to the study results, the rats given THC lived longer than the control rats that were not given cancer. The THC shrank or entirely eradicated the tumors in the rats.

However, in 1976, President Gerald Ford stopped all public marijuana research and granted exclusive research rights to major pharmaceutical companies. Since then, companies have been working to develop synthetic forms of THC to produce the medicinal effects without getting the user "high."

"Steve [Hager] said marijuana is the greatest medicine in the world. It will cure everything from AIDS to whatever Z begins

with," Stutman said. "If Steve were honest with you, he and I would completely agree. There are 435 chemicals in the cannabis plant. Two of them, Delta 9-THC and cannabinoids, will be good medicine."

Stutman said \$28 million has been put into researching these two chemicals, but two of 435 is not a high enough ratio to generalize marijuana as "good medicine."

Hager also addressed the issue of incarceration related to growing, selling and possessing marijuana. In America, more than 2 million people are behind bars, and 40 to 50 percent of them are serving time for drug-related offenses.

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Death of UNO geography professor brings university staff, students together

ANDREA CIUREJ
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The UNO flag was lowered to half-staff on Oct. 22 to honor the loss of the Department of Geography/Geology's Charles "Chuck" Gildersleeve. However, Gildersleeve's teaching habits will live on in an annual "Know-Your-World" lecture sponsored by one of the many programs he touched.

Gildersleeve, 69, taught human, urban and economic geography courses at UNO. He passed away on Oct. 10 due to complications with jaw surgery.

UNO's International Studies and Programs will sponsor the lecture every fall in honor of Gildersleeve, a founding faculty member of the university's international studies major. He also served as chair of the Department of Geography/Geology from 1981-1988. The lecture will be a part of International Education Week.

Tom Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and Programs, said the first lecture will be on Nov. 16 at noon. Jack Shroder, a professor in the Department of Geography/Geology, will lecture on the geoscience riches of Afghanistan.

Gouttierre made this announcement at Gildersleeve's memorial service on Oct. 22 at the Thompson Alumni Center.

He said Gildersleeve's annual guest lecture on demography for an international studies introductory course impacted several students.

"So many of them would remind me of how they thought he was such a kindly person in helping them feel at home," Gouttierre said. "He always had such an impact on students and there are numbers of them who have referred to having seen him just in that one lecture and how much that meant to them even then."

The Student Senate passed a letter of condolence on Oct. 22, supporting the inauguration of the "Know-Your-World" lecture. The letter also acknowledged Gildersleeve's 45-year contribution to the university since 1964.

"Dr. Gildersleeve demonstrated his love for his subject and his commitment to geographical education at all levels by being a founding member of the Geography Educators of Nebraska (1987-2007) and frequently interacting with secondary educators to improve their instruction," according to the

resolution. "Dr. Gildersleeve was completely devoted to students as the center of the academic enterprise, winning several teaching awards and often mentioned by students as the most influential instructor in their academic careers."

Gildersleeve was responsible for coordinating the National Geographic Bee (1988-2007) under the National Geographic Society. He also served on the Omaha Planning Board from 1980-1985.

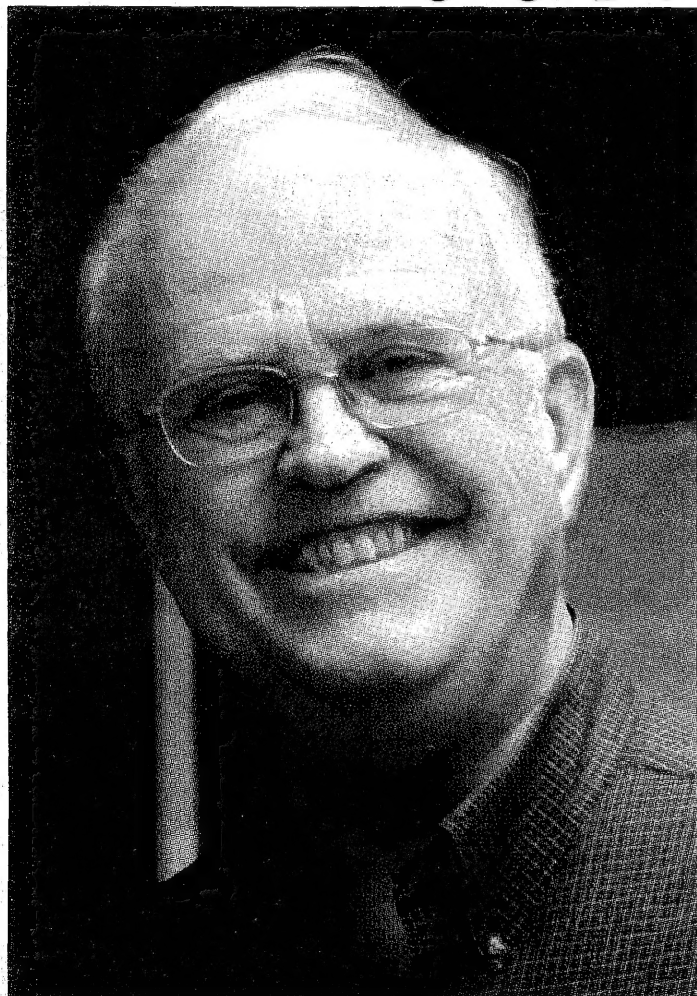
UNO Chancellor John Christensen, who opened the service, said Gildersleeve was an inspiration to the whole university.

"He's an example of long-serving, inspired, dedicated service to this institution, which has brought UNO to its rightful place in American higher education," Christensen said. "While we shall miss him, we can take solace in knowing he left a wonderful legacy by which to remember him."

After meeting Gildersleeve in the 1980s, Christensen advised his three sons to take a course "the Gildersleeve way."

"Study didn't make any difference, take a Gildersleeve course and they did,"

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Charles Gildersleeve (PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL PETERSON/DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY/GEOLOGY)

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Christensen said. "Each thanked me for the recommendation and all characterized it as one of the best classroom experiences they had ever had, albeit, the worst collection of stories they had ever heard."

Pat Gildersleeve, his wife, said her husband always enjoyed a good laugh throughout their 50-year marriage, just as much as he loved teaching.

"Chuck always enjoyed hearing a good joke and in turn, he could tell a good joke right back," she said. "Chuck has always been a kind and upbeat person."

Gildersleeve motivated students to participate in campus-related events, especially UNO athletics. He also inspired students to get their money's worth in the classroom.

UNO student Andrea Soucek recalls Gildersleeve busting out some moves when a cell phone would ring in his class.

Soucek said she misses his friendly smile and his motivating presence.

"He would talk up the world, tell you random and savory details and stories and connect things that you would never think twice about," Soucek said. "Then it was as if he would hand you the keys to the world and tell you, 'Now go do something with it.' He made you want to reach out to the world, he made sure you treasure the little things in life and always made you laugh."

Gildersleeve's everlasting presence on students also motivated his colleagues.

Michael Peterson, a UNO geography professor, said Gildersleeve was "a fountain of optimism."

"As the most senior geographer in the department, he set the tone for how professors interact with students," Peterson said.

He said Gildersleeve's ability to remember names was one of his most defining characteristics.

"He taught classes with up to 120 students, and while it took him weeks, he would remember the names of everyone," Peterson said. "He was always interested in their progress and many students would rely on him for advice and support."

Other professionals from Nebraska also gathered at the memorial to share their experiences with family, friends and loved ones.

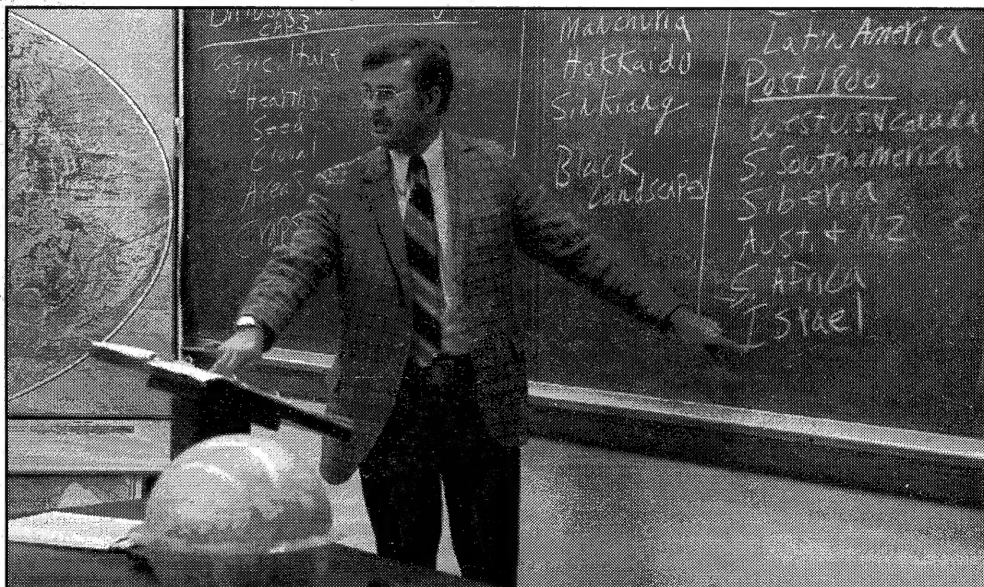
Harris Payne, social science curriculum supervisor of Omaha Public Schools, recalled Gildersleeve's many impersonations of Donald Duck and references to his hometown of Zeoring, Iowa.

Zeoring was known to Gildersleeve's students and colleagues as "Cupcake Corners."

Payne also quizzed memorial attendees on the three books Gildersleeve said college students must have: a dictionary, a thesaurus and an atlas.

Randy Bertolas, a geography professor at Wayne State, said Gildersleeve always provided students, even those at Wayne, with a kindred education in geography.

"You always got the feeling you've known Chuck your whole life, even if you've just been introduced to him," Bertolas said. "Because Chuck made an impression, he made an impact, he made a difference in the lives of so many people. Chuck just stuck with everyone he met."



Top: Maverick gear adorns the table at Charles Gildersleeve's memorial service Oct. 22 at the Thompson Alumni Center. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Bottom: Gildersleeve teaches in October 1979. (COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS)

CRIME LOG

COMPILED BY BREANNA HAYDEN
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Thursday, Oct. 22

4:10 p.m. A student reported theft of personal property from Arts and Sciences Hall. The theft occurred between 2:55 p.m. and 3:50 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 24

9:35 p.m. While on patrol of the south access road leading to the University Drive South parking structure, Campus Security discovered an alcohol violation. The alcohol was disposed of and one student was referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, Oct. 26

11:30 a.m. A staff member reported vandalism to several vehicles parked in Lot L. The vandalism occurred between Saturday, Oct. 24 at 12 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 26 at 11:20 a.m.

12:30 p.m. A student reported vandalism to their vehicle while parked in Lot L. The vandalism occurred between Saturday, Oct. 24 at 10 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

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UNO not upgrading to Windows 7 anytime soon

HOLLY FREDRICKSON
STAFF WRITER

Microsoft's newest operating system, Windows 7, launched Oct. 22, but UNO will not be phasing in the new software anytime soon.

"It's not on the horizon right now," said Stanley Wileman, a computer science professor at UNO who teaches upper-level classes about operating systems. "We are certainly obligated to continue to use something that's close to the cutting edge, if not at the cutting edge... but there are still a lot of people using Vista and XP."

Windows 7 is Microsoft's first attempt at an operating system since Windows Vista launched in 2007 and received a less-than-enthusiastic reception from consumers. With Windows 7, Microsoft is hoping for a fresh start.

"The claims from Microsoft are that the thing it does best, the thing that makes Windows 7 the best, is that it's not Vista," Wileman said.

However, the new operating system does come with improvements.

"It's not as resource-heavy as Vista is and it tends to have easier-to-use applications," said Katie Robinson, a Geek Squad employee at Best Buy on 75th and Dodge Streets.

Tyler Barton, a UNO student majoring in broadcast and video production, tested the operating system during its public beta phase and said he plans on adopting it as his operating system of choice.

"I love Windows 7. In my opinion it's got the performance of Windows XP with the cutting-edge looks of Windows Vista," he said.

Like its predecessor, Windows 7 comes in a variety of versions to cater to individual needs.

"With all the different versions of Windows 7 it's going to be aimed at just about everyone," Robinson said.

Home premium, professional and ultimate are the three main editions, according to the Windows 7 official Web site. A slimmed down version, called Windows 7 *Startup* is also available for Netbooks, Robinson said.

"Of course they're selling a whole bunch of different

flavors of it... which differ only in the extras they add on," Wileman said.

Both Wileman and Robinson cautioned potential adopters to back up their existing data before upgrading to Windows 7.

"Back up your stuff," Robinson said. "We have run into quite a few problems where we've had to restore machines back to manufacturer settings in order to make the upgrade work."

With all the potential problems involved with upgrading, Wileman cautions students against doing so needlessly.

"A user thinking about Windows 7 needs to ask themselves, 'Why do I need to upgrade? What do I want this computer system to do for me?'" Wileman said.

Windows 7 will only become necessary when upgrading hardware components, Wileman said, because newer hardware is usually only compatible with recent operating systems.

Users who put off buying Windows 7 may also be sparing themselves the headaches that early adopters often endure as a result of incompatibilities and bugs that only become apparent after launch.

"Windows 7 is going to undoubtedly need service packs at some point," Wileman said. "It might be wise to wait until a few months have passed and see what the problems are."

Despite these potential issues, Windows 7 seems to be enjoying brisk business in Omaha.

"It's been pretty popular so far. Launch day, I know they did tremendous back in the computer department and just being here for the past three days, I know we've done well over a dozen Windows 7 upgrades," Robinson said.

Wileman remains wary.

"When you think about it, it's all economics," he said. "If Microsoft didn't crank out a new operating system and start selling it, they wouldn't be making profit from operating system sales, because everybody has Vista or XP already and it works fine. They've got to sell something new and different so it can eventually obsolete the old systems... it's a business, and that's the bottom line."

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"Having your biggest population behind bars is not exactly a hallmark of a free society," he said. "When I was in high school, this country was famous for building schools, hospitals, interstate highways. Over the last 15 years, we've just been building prisons. Now the prison system is being privatized, turned over to corporations to be run for profit."

Hager said people arrested for drug problems should be receiving treatment and rehabilitation instead of jail time.

"This is a tremendous tragedy. We have to stop warehousing people in prison and keep them as useful members of society," he said. "Stop destroying lives over a plant that never should have been illegal in the first place."

Stutman used his opening statements to fully refute every one of Hager's points.

He quoted an author of Hager's aforementioned University of Virginia study: "When one smokes, only a small amount of cannabinoids can be expected to reach the tumor. Smoking marijuana will never cure cancer."

Stutman said Hager redefined the argument by listing intellectual-sounding reasons for legalization but that most users don't have a legitimate reason behind their behavior.

"Most pro-legalization people are not pro-counter culture, they're not marijuana medicine people, they're not hemp people," he said. "They want to use it as their intoxicant of choice. 'I want to get stoned and I don't want to get hassled about it.'"

Stutman said the main reason he is against legalization is because it would create more marijuana users. This presents several potential consequences.

Marijuana is approved for the treatment of glaucoma because it lessens pressure on the optical nerves. However, in non-glaucoma users, this results in impaired depth perception, which can contribute to automobile accidents. Marijuana can also lead to addiction.

"Many people in this room know someone who has gone from marijuana as a part of their life to marijuana becoming their life," Stutman said. "That's called addiction."

Stutman closed by reiterating that he and Hager are close friends and that while they disagree, they both have relevant points on their sides.

"Just as you have many friends who say, 'Marijuana made my life,' Steve Hager and I have many people who've come up to us after shows and said, 'Marijuana screwed me up so bad I never recovered,'" he said. "It is a very rational argument that we both present."

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Popular costumes should make your Halloween, not break the bank

COMMENTARY BY
ANDREA BARBE
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The Joker is sooo 2008. Batman? It's been done. Move over, Wolverine. You've been replaced.

Halloween costumes last year were all about the comic book characters and political figures such as Republican hockey mom Sarah Palin, geriatric John McCain and what would be our president-elect Barack Obama, which were all widely celebrated. You betcha. But 2009 seems to be the year for dressing creatively as recognizable celebrities for fractions of what a traditional costume would typically cost.

So Wolverine's steel claws have now been replaced with vampire fangs. The Joker's smudged make-up and green hair are out, but the "King of Pop's" white sequined glove and fedora are in. And Lady Gaga's flashy, metallic leotards are the new black Teflon Batman bodysuits.

But while designer pantsuits, masks and walkers can certainly be expensive, some might not be celebrating Halloween like they used to.

Many believe the current recession will impact how much consumers spend on costumes, leaving many cutting back on scary attire or not partaking in the holiday at all. According to the National Retail Federation, Halloween spending is estimated to drop 18 percent down to \$4.75 billion. That's down from \$5.77 billion from last year.

However, just because funds are low is no reason to go without a costume. New reality figureheads and TV show characters are emerging as this year's "it" costumes with more bang for not nearly as much buck.

TLC fame whore and emasculating mother of eight Kate Gosselin, late TV product pitchman Billy Mays and "Octomom" dingbat Nadya Suleman Gutierrez have all been popular ideas

circulating this year among those looking for an over-the-top, talked-about costumes.

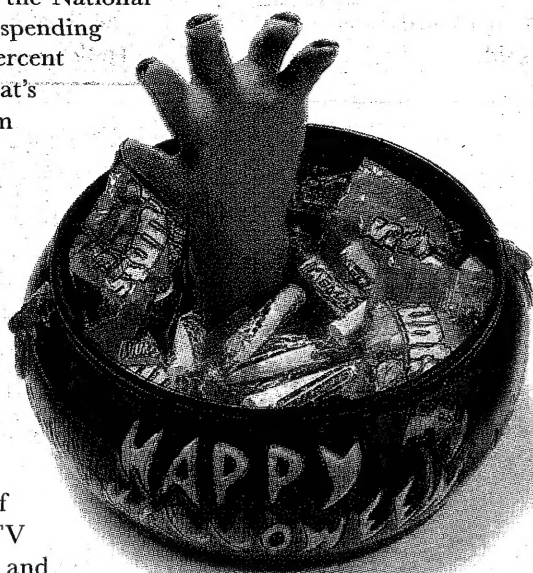
These get-ups are also easy on the pocketbook, too. For instance, Mays donned a blue-collared shirt, khaki pants, a dark beard and any product sold on TV during the early morning hours. Brash, annoying voice not included. Gosselin wears mom jeans and a bad asymmetrical haircut. Almost all of these "characters" require items found at the local Goodwill or in our closets, and could be put together for less than \$30 each.

For a less personalized costume, look towards popular trends hitting the big and small screen. With the booming success of movies such as "Twilight" and TV shows such as "The Vampire Diaries" and "Buffy," vampires seem to be a hit for Halloween as well. Consumers buying a pair of fangs, some pale make-up and red eyeliner could easily pull off the look of fictional teen heartthrob Edward Cullen or Bill Compton of HBO's "True Blood."

Zombie costumes are also on the rise with the recent spoof comedy "Zombieland" and events around Omaha such as the Zombie Walk, which took place in Benson on Oct. 24 where nearly 400 locals gathered along Maple Street and Northwest Radial Highway.

Whichever costume "suits" your fancy, remember that creativity and originality are key. When it comes down to it, no one

except you cares about how much you spent on a costume. Sometimes it's the \$5 ideas that will make the best photos and leave a lasting impression.



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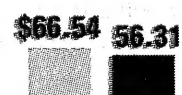
A bit rattled by the economy, U.S. consumers say they will spend less on Halloween celebrations this year.

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What consumers say they will spend this year compared to last year

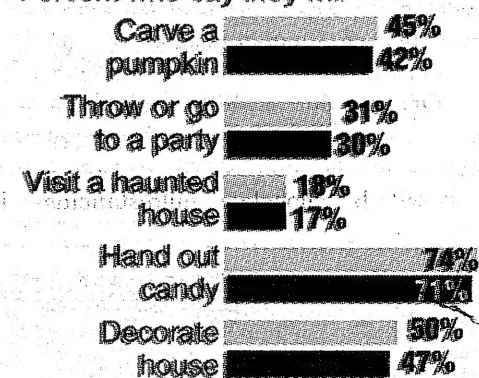


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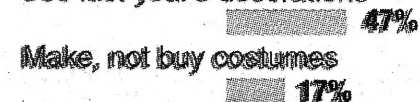
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John Riggs of Burleson, Texas, plays a zombie at The Living Hell- Resurrection Halloween attraction in Burleson, Texas. (JEFFERY WASHINGTON/FORT WORTH STAR- TELEGRAM/MCT)

Halloween candy sales look sweet this season

M.S. ENKOJI
THE SACRAMENTO BEE, CALIF.

(MCT) Oct. 27 - In the week before Halloween, cash registers will ring up nearly \$2.23 billion in candy sales, 600 million pounds of every confection imaginable for the nine out of 10 kids who will be ringing doorbells Saturday night.

For the biggest sugar rush of the year, Halloween candy sales are expected to nudge up 1.8 percent over last year, said Susan Fussell, spokeswoman for the National Confectioners Association. Landing on a Saturday this year only ups the opportunity for more celebrating, candy, Fussell said.

Halloween, the industry's biggest candy selling holiday, ushers in a series of significant candy dates ending with Easter, which makes Saturday night's largess at the front door a harbinger for the season.

There's reason for optimism in the industry, Fussell said. Candy sales overall are up 3 percent, despite the anemic economy, she said. Even in the thick of the recession last Halloween, candy sales inched upward. About seven of 10 households plan to turn on the light for trick-or-treaters, spending an average of \$18 on candy, the National Retail Federation said.

"Halloween has gotten to be such a huge event in the United States," said Todd Hale, senior vice president of consumer and shopper insights with the Nielsen Co.

Of the 600 million pounds of Halloween candy that the company predicts will be sold, 90 million pounds of it will be chocolate, outdistancing

any other chocolate holiday, including Valentine's Day.

Although industry analysts say increases in commodity prices, such as sugar, could translate to more costs for consumers, Hale doesn't see anything scary enough to dampen purchasing.

Unlike other products, candy sales have not experienced a lot of consumer downtrading to less expensive brands, said Erin Swanson, an analyst with Morningstar who tracks Hershey. Still, Hershey, which owns 42 percent of the domestic chocolate market, is reporting flat sales and has also rolled out higher prices, which could cool sales, she said.

Candy manufacturers aggressively target Halloween with special packaging. This year for instance, Hershey's has bundled three Halloween-colored Kisses in single packages for handing out, said Jody Cook, a spokeswoman for the chocolate maker.

The Fairfield-based Jelly Belly Candy Co. churns out Halloween-themed candy, such as candy corn and pumpkins and jelly beans in autumn colors, said Tomi Holt, a spokeswoman for the candy maker. Sales are up 5 percent for Halloween. But even a 1-ounce package of Jelly Belly candy is



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80 cents, too costly for a mass giveaway, she said.

The company instead focuses on seasonal candy for parties or gatherings and could be finding a niche in a growing adult Halloween market.

Halloween has become a \$4.7 billion holiday, the bulk of it candy and costumes, but it also includes adult activity such as yard decorating, according to the National Retail Federation.

Many baby boomers grew up in the new suburbs of post-World War II, where trick-or-treating became popular, and have continued with Halloween as adults, Fussell said.

HALLOWEEN CANDY STATS

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October rakes in a large number of candy sales each year due to Halloween. According to an analysis done by The Nielsen Company this year, here are some findings about the spooky holiday and consumer buying habits:

- Consumers buy less store brand or private label candy for Halloween. Store brand candy holds a larger share annually (8.1 percent) than it does in the weeks leading up to and including the Halloween holiday (5.6 percent). This trend is the same for chocolate and non-chocolate candy divisions.
- Approximately \$1.9 billion or 598 million pounds of candy is purchased during the Halloween season.
- Halloween is the biggest season for chocolate candy, with nearly 90 million pounds of chocolate candy purchased during the week of Halloween. This is compared with only about 65 million pounds of chocolate candy sold during the week leading up to Easter and 48 million pounds of chocolate candy sold during Valentine's week.
- Consumers tend to not purchase Halloween candy until the last minute, either procrastinating or hoping for a better deal.
- The biggest days for candy-buying sales in the Halloween season occur the Sunday before the holiday and on Halloween day.

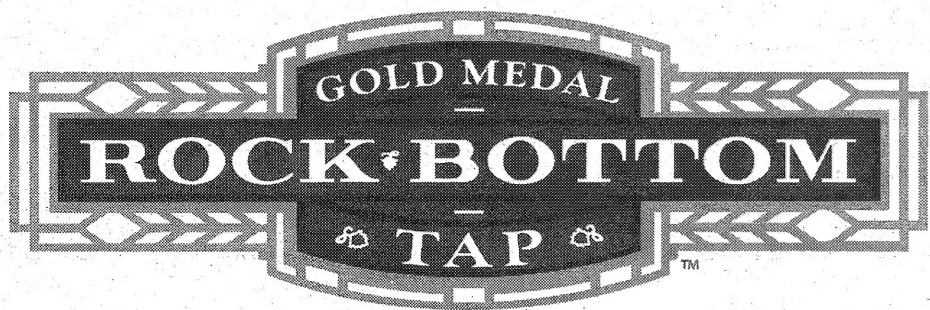
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'Paranormal Activity' scary good at the box office

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NEWSDAY

(MCT) - He shot it in seven days, on a budget measured not in millions but in thousands, and wound up creating what might be Paramount Pictures' most profitable film in modern memory.

Not bad for a first-time effort.

"I always dreamed about how cool it would be to be a filmmaker," Oren Peli, writer-director of the horror film "Paranormal Activity," said in a recent phone interview. "But I never really thought I would have an opportunity."

Peli, an Israeli-born former day trader, shot the movie in his San Diego home for about \$15,000. Last weekend, the micro-budget movie led the box office at \$22 million, racking up \$62 million in ticket sales so far and finishing \$7 million ahead of "Saw VI," which cost \$11 million to shoot, according to IMDb.

This weekend, it expands from 1,950 screens to more than 2,250, and Paramount is already talking about a sequel.

The film stars Katie Featherston and Micah Sloat as an unmarried couple who use a video camera to capture evidence of strange goings-on in their new home. Turns out, the story is somewhat autobiographical.

"The actual idea for the movie was when I moved to my new house with my girlfriend at the time," said Peli. "We heard weird noises in the night. I didn't

think it was a haunting, but it made me think: How would you go about finding out what's happening when you sleep? And then I thought: If the video camera did capture something, it would be very creepy."

After some festival screenings, the film landed at Paramount. Perhaps sensing "The Blair Witch Project" redux, the studio came up with a fittingly cheap marketing plan, asking audiences to "demand" screenings in their towns through the Web site Eventful.com.

That campaign cleverly raised expectations by lowering them. Viewers went in wondering whether a few flickering lights and distant noises would be enough to terrify them, and came out feeling they'd discovered a little gem.

"It had to be some sort of way where the fans can feel a sense of ownership," Peli said of the grass-roots approach. "It basically lets them do the spreading of the word."

At the time of filming, in 2006, Peli's two lead actors were struggling unknowns. Sloat was a computer programmer, and Featherston was, yes, a waitress. They received \$500 each for their work in the movie.

But here's the real payoff: Both are fielding phone calls for auditions. "I know they're getting a lot of attention," Peli said. "I'm sure they're going to have very long and successful careers ahead of them."

Mavs compete well but fall in dual versus Nebraska

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO swimming and diving team finished behind Nebraska in the Mavs' first dual of the season on Oct. 24 at Lincoln's Devaney Natatorium.

The Huskers edged UNO with a score of 188.5, while the Mavs finished with a score of 107.5.

"Overall, I was pretty happy with how we swam," head coach Todd Samland said. "It was the first dual that we had certain races, so it was important to see how we were doing in those areas."

Although Nebraska won the first seven events and never seemed in danger of falling behind in points, Samland was happy with the way his team performed against the tough challenge.

"I thought they did what I expected," he said. "We were very competitive in the events which is nice when you swim against Division I programs. We showed improvement and that's what we're looking to do."

Despite the loss, there were many things for Samland to be happy about.

Junior Laura Kemp placed first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:12.24 and also won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:11.99.

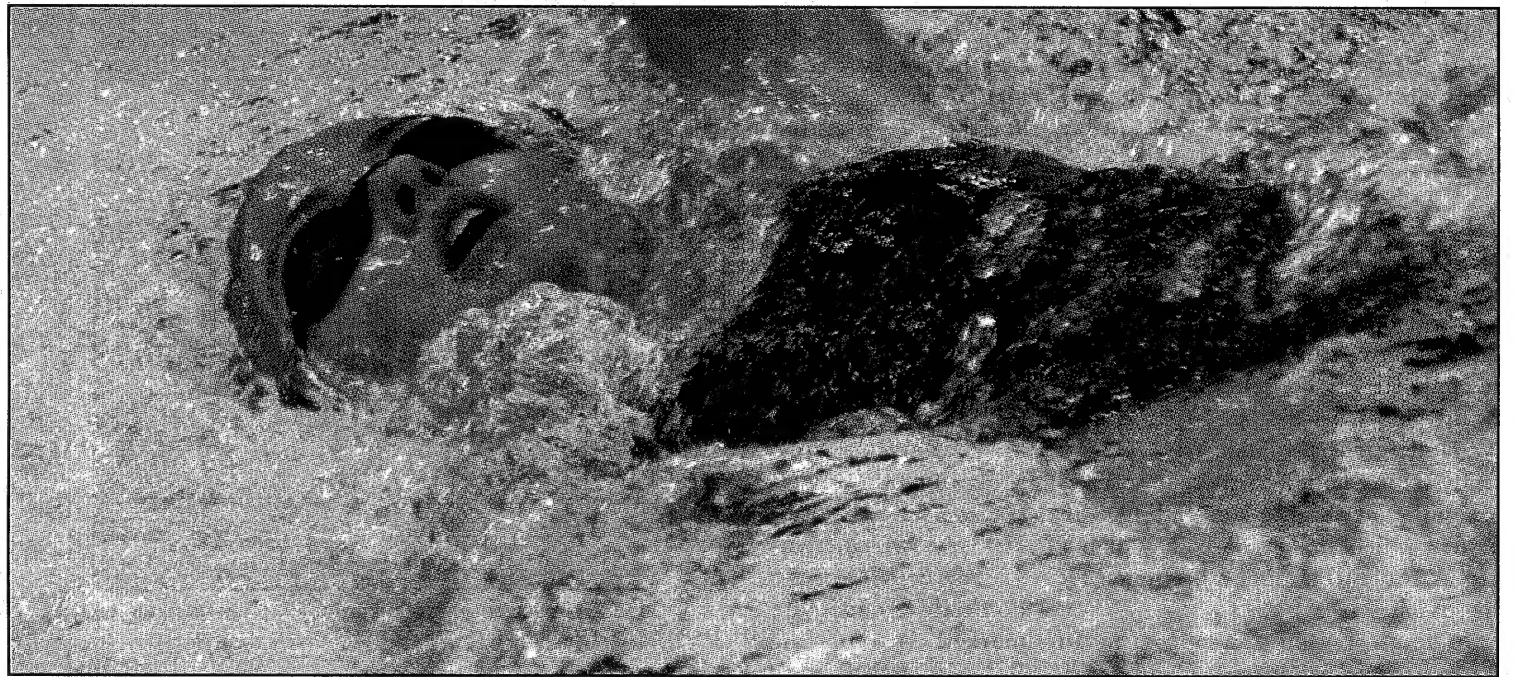
"She's a very tough competitor and a very formidable force, and she demonstrated that," Samland said.

Junior Cait Hopkins was the first Mav to win a race, taking the 100-yard freestyle event in 53.94 seconds.

"She visited with me before the race... and we focused not on winning but how to strategically swim the race better," Samland said. "We talked about her breathing patterns for the first 25 (yards), to push that final 50...we did that to help the strategy out, see where she's at in her training. She did really well and it worked out well for her, and her confidence is stronger."

The other Maverick victory came in the final event, as the team of senior Lisa Elworth, freshman Anna Haxby, freshman Alicia Goetz and Hopkins won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:40.91.

"We didn't worry about it too much, we wanted to give them relay experience," Samland said. "What we learned was that we need to work on relay exchanges. It's



Junior Cait Hopkins swam to a first place finish in the 100-yard freestyle on Saturday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

not there yet, but I'm not worried about it."

Among other notable finishes, Kemp finished second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:57.68, less than a second behind UNL's Kelsey Grushecky, while Hopkins tied with UNL's Brandie Kavalec for third with a time of 1:58.12.

The Mavs finished in the top four in the 100-yard butterfly, with junior Sara Hallgren taking first with a time of 1:01.28, almost six full seconds faster than the second-place finisher, sophomore Colleen Klaiber.

The 200-yard individual medley was also dominated by the Mavs as they placed the top five finishers. Junior Lucy Zamecnik finished in second behind Kemp with a time of 2:16.90, while freshman Chelsea Hartman (2:20.93), sophomore Amy Bechdolt (2:21.41) and freshman Mattie Fosbender (2:23.39) rounded out the top-five.

The Mavs travel to Lawrence, Kan., to take on the Jayhawks in another dual this Saturday. After Saturday's dual, the Mavs will have nearly three weeks of rest before participating in the Husker Invite from Nov. 19 - 22 in Lincoln.



Anna Haxby was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team that finished first with a time of 1:40:91. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

Samland said he is excited to see improvement from his swimmers over the next few weeks in anticipation for the Mutual of Omaha Invite beginning Dec. 4.

"[Kansas] is another dual meet that

we want to try and focus on how they are doing," Samland said. "We want to try and improve on that with the Husker Invite and our own Mutual of Omaha Invite, that's the really important meet."

November Sports Schedule

Men's Basketball

Nov. 8 @ Creighton (exhibition)..... 2:05 p.m.
Nov. 15 v. Doane.....12:01 a.m.
Nov. 18 @ Rockhurst..... 7 p.m.
Nov. 24 v. Peru State College..... 7 p.m.
Nov. 27 v. Chadron State (in Grand Island)..... 6 p.m.
Nov. 28 v. Wayne State (in Grand Island)..... 3 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Nov. 5 @ Creighton (exhibition)..... 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 15 v. Dana (Neb.).....1:30 p.m.
Nov. 20 v. Minnesota-Duluth (in Warrensburg, Mo.)..... 5 p.m.
Nov. 21 v. Texas A&M-Kingsville (in Warrensburg, Mo.)..... 3 p.m.
Nov. 27 v. Oklahoma Panhandle State..... 5:30 p.m.
Nov. 28 v. Chadron State College..... 5:30 p.m.

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Hockey

Nov. 5 @ Michigan State..... 6:05 p.m.
Nov. 6 @ Michigan State..... 6:05 p.m.
Nov. 13 v. Lake Superior State..... 7:35 p.m.
Nov. 14 v. Lake Superior State..... 7:05 p.m.
Nov. 20 @ Northern Michigan..... 6:35 p.m.
Nov. 21 @ Northern Michigan..... 6:35 p.m.
Nov. 27 v. Western Michigan..... 7:35 p.m.
Nov. 28 v. Western Michigan..... 7:05 p.m.

Volleyball

Nov. 4 v. Northwest Missouri State..... 7 p.m.
Nov. 6 @ Missouri Western State..... 7 p.m.
Nov. 7 @ Truman State..... 6 p.m.
Nov. 13 v. Central Missouri..... 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 NCAA South Central tournament..... TBA

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Wrestling

Nov. 7 @ Daktronics Open (in Brookings, S.D.)..... 9 a.m.
Nov. 14 @ Nichols Open (in Ames, Iowa)..... 9 a.m.
Nov. 21 v. Kaufman-Brand Open..... 9 a.m.

Football

Nov. 7 @ Missouri Western..... 1:30 p.m.

Swimming/Diving

Nov. 19 - 22 @ Husker Invite (in Lincoln, Neb.)..... 9 a.m.

Cross Country

Nov. 7 @ NCAA South Central Regional..... TBA
Nov. 21 @ NCAA Championships..... TBA

PHOTO BY JODI PENN

Mavs keep rolling with two more shutouts

ZACH SEASTEDT
SPORTS EDITOR

It's been more than a month since the Mavs lost their last match and, based on their performance the last few weeks, they may not lose again this season.

UNO wrapped up a four-game road trip with two shutout victories against Washburn and Northwest Missouri State. The Mavs (12-4-1 overall, 11-1-1 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) have won seven out of their last eight games.

The Mavs traveled to Topeka, Kan., on Oct. 22 to take on Washburn and left with a 4-0 victory. Redshirt freshman Nicole Baier scored two goals and had one assist in the win.

The first half was sluggish for UNO. The Mavs managed only two shots in the half, while Washburn had three. UNO finally got on the board in the 35th minute when Baier scored on an unassisted goal to go up 1-0.

The Mavs responded after the intermission, scoring three goals while holding the Washburn offense to only one shot for the half.

"We just played a little better," head coach Don Klosterman said. "It was nice to see that they were heading in the right direction, playing harder and it led to a great game for us."

Baier put her second goal of the game into the net on another unassisted play to put the Mavs up 2-0. From that point on, the game was all in the Mavericks' hands.

Senior midfielder Lindsey Nealon scored her second goal of the year when she put a corner kick from Baier into the back of the net in the 74th minute. UNO scored the last goal in the 88th minute when freshman midfielder Nicole Cunningham headed a corner kick from sophomore forward Jerica Kuncil. It was Cunningham's second goal of the season and Kuncil's first assist.

Junior goalkeeper Lauren Fox had an easy day thanks to the Mavericks' defensive effort, saving only one shot.

The Mavs defeated Northwest Missouri State 2-0 on Oct. 24 thanks to another dominating effort by Baier, who scored the game's two goals. Klosterman was happy with the win but felt that the team may have let up after gaining an early lead.

"Saturday we scored the first goal pretty early and the second not too long after that and we kind of fell asleep," he said. "We should have kept continuing to press."

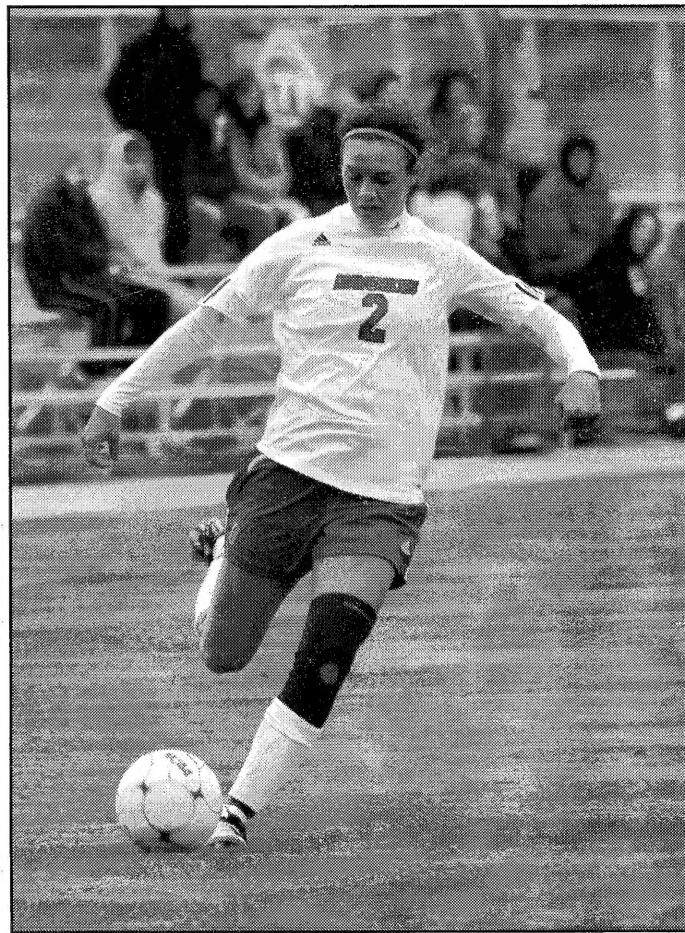
Baier gave the Mavs an early 1-0 lead when she scored on an assist from senior forward Jessica Powers only 3:20 into the match. UNO's lead increased to two only minutes later when Baier scored on an assist from Kuncil at 8:42.

Klosterman talked about the importance of scoring first and the effect it has on the team's performance.

"On the road, if you can score that first goal it's a big boost in terms of confidence," he said. "Once you get that goal then you can get some momentum and get things going. It doesn't always work that way, but that's what you want to happen."



Goalkeeper Lauren Fox picked up her 6.6 shutout of the season and improved to 10-1-1 as UNO defeated Northwest Missouri State 2-0 on Saturday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)



Nicole Baier scored two goals to help UNO defeat Northwest Missouri State 2-0 on Saturday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

You want to follow up the first goal with more goals."

The goals were Baier's 15th and 16th of the season. She leads the conference in goals, shots and assists. Klosterman discussed Baier's ability to not only score points but to also get her teammates involved.

"The telling stat is that she has more assists than goals," he said. "For Nicole, it's a much more important stat than the number of goals. It shows that she's with that team effort. She's going to get a lot of attention, and she understands the team concept and gets the fact that she's going to be marked and someone else is going to be open."

While Baier's offensive performance has been impressive, the defensive effort by every Maverick has been just as important. The Mavs held the Bearcats to only seven shots, which is the eighth game in a row that the Mavs have held their opponents to 10 shots or less. The win also gave the Mavs seven shutouts for the year.

Fox was more active in net this game, saving six shots. She picked up her 6.6 shutout of the season and is 10-1-1 for the year.

The Mavs return home from their road trip without a

loss, but a 1-1 tie on Oct. 15 against Missouri Western may cause some problems for UNO.

The tie, according to Klosterman, may prevent the Mavs from earning the MIAA's conference crown, as they are currently behind Truman (11-1 conference) for first place in the standings.

"The tie at Missouri Western wasn't good for us," Klosterman said. "It puts us back a little bit, because now Truman has the conference. We lost control of our own fate."

With the tie on their record, the Mavs will be looking to finish out the season with wins and hoping that Truman can falter.

The Mavs play their final home game on Oct. 29 against Missouri Southern. The game will be the last home game for many seniors. UNO then plays its final two games on the road against Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri.

"We've got to take it simple and think about Thursday first," Klosterman said. "It's great for the seniors that are going out, but we got to win. We'll worry about the next week after that."

UNO tops 2008 finish, places sixth in MIAA Cross Country Championships

SEAN OWENS
CONTRIBUTOR

The UNO cross country team improved its 2008 mark on Saturday as the Mavericks finished sixth at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Championships.

The Mavs made their second

appearance of 2009 at Jones Park in Emporia, Kan. They had a lot to prove as they were picked to finish last in the preseason rankings amidst stout MIAA competition, which holds seven of the top 10 regional rankings in Division II.

"Though we didn't come in first place, this was a huge victory for our program against a really competitive conference,"

head coach Steve Smith said. "These girls did an absolutely marvelous job today."

The Mavericks finished the race with four runners in the top 50 and a team score of 172 points. UNO had an All-MIAA honorable mention performance by freshman Megan Oddo. As a team, the Mavs were just eight points away from a top-five finish.

The Mavs participated in the MIAA Championships for the second time in school history. Oddo finished in 19th place with a time of 23:11.16. Oddo, primarily a track runner at Millard North, recorded UNO's top finish for the third time this year and has taken the role of a leader for the Mavericks' cross country team.

Trailing just behind Oddo was freshman Brittany Phillips, who finished her day with a time of 23:49.85, earning her 32nd place.

Phillips and Oddo have battled throughout the year for the top spot in every meet. Phillips has been the first place finisher for the Mavericks in two races this season.

Sophomore Kelly Esch earned her spot after recently being added to the roster. She finished less than 10 seconds behind Phillips with a time of 23:58.48, taking 37th place.

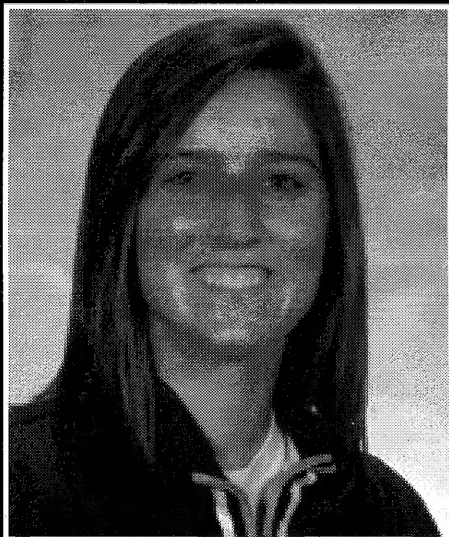
Rounding out the top five for UNO, Park University (Mo.) junior transfer Dina Luka ended the day in 38th place (24:00.36) and freshman Nicole Behmi finished in 48th place with a time of 24:20.27.

"Our distance coach John Mulligan did a great job of preparing these girls to be ready at the most important time," Smith said. "Every single girl on our team had a personal best today. Mentally and physically, these girls were ready to produce."

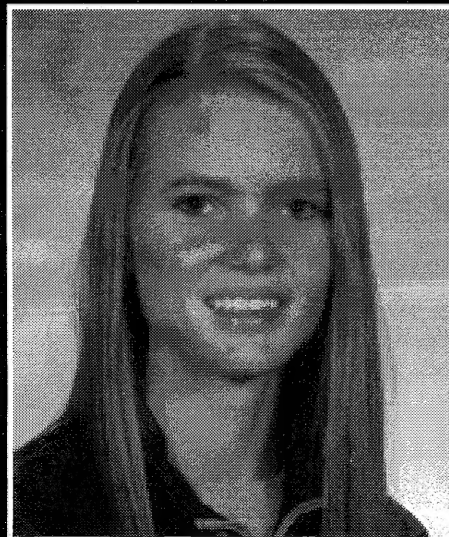
In 2008, lacking the competitive balance and financial means, the cross country team was unable to attend the NCAA South Central Regional meet in November. This year the team has the ability to be competitive and will face regional competition that boasts four of the top-20 nationally ranked teams in D-II. The Mavericks will be ready to face their toughest challenge on Nov. 7 in Abilene, Texas.

Missouri Southern State University finished in first for the fourth consecutive year, scoring a MIAA record-low team total of 18 points and placing six of the top seven finishers.

Senior Kimi Shank of Missouri Southern placed first individually with a course record time of 21:01.07, her second consecutive first-place finish.



Megan Oddo



Brittany Phillips

Politics as usual

JUDY RYDBERG
COPY EDITOR

I wish I was a donkey
And a donkey would be me
Really, a lot
But maybe not
For a jackass I would be

Mirrorage

EMILY JOHNSON
ASSISTANT SECTION EDITOR

We see what we want to see,
Glassy, shiny, happy People.
Exchanges atwixt you and me –
According Conduct, though feeble.

They see what they want to see,
Uncracked face, naught but Perfection.
Pay no heed to curtained man –
As above, stay thy reflection.

I see what I want to see,
Peer 'yond the silenced windows,
Pressed finger to the glass; See!
Double-sided, where we are found.

You see what you want to see,
See Me as I long to see You.
Come, press your print to the mirror –
If love at first sight, than not true.

Emotional marathon

STEVEN CLAYBERG
CONTRIBUTOR

Drowning in a sea of darkness
Fending off time
It is quite amusing that my life has
become so sublime

Going through life's tedious rituals
Completing the day
Why can't I find a place for my mind to
rest and heart to truly stay

Searching ever so subtly
Peering into space
Maybe it is time to realize just how to
run this race

Sprinting starts out with a bang
Ending in a lonely bust
Yet this pace is quite an exhilarating rush

Casually making my way through
Yearning for that something new
Only constantly being beaten down by a
sea of oppressing blue

Finding that right pace
Wishing for a concrete scene

I yearn to end this tiresome race
Do you know what I mean?

Breathing moonbeams

EMILY JOHNSON
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It is late and quiet, save the
Scribbles in the dark -
It's unusually cold for April.

High off caffeine and inspiration
Sleep is fruitless, unattainable.
Alone in the dark

Surrounded by comforter,
But not the right kind -
It does not warm me like you.

Breezes rush in with goosebumps
Curled up, shivering, tide draws back
So cold, too tired to think
Unable to rest or sleep, impossible,

To soak up starlight
On this clear night
Comes with a price.

Alone, cold bringing merciful apathy
Don't close the window,
Never close the window

I'm breathing moonbeams,
And it's unusually cold for April.

Class time ramblings

STEVEN CLAYBERG
CONTRIBUTOR

Blah Blah Blah
The teacher goes
What he is talking about
Nobody knows

High upon his podium of power
We are his obedient prisoners for the next hour
He flails his arms and speaks with spite
Regardless of the truth - whatever he says is right

This means that and that means this
He is putting on the dulllest of shows
Will he ever stop
Nobody knows

Peering down with a disdainful glare
We are in a contest where all you do is stare
The professor eases the tension with a witty joke
Soon after the kid in the back is woke

Tick-tock Tick-tock
Class soon will end and anxiety grows
Will I stay awake until the bell rings
Nobody knows

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There are none that can withstand your power. O show me herein you are Mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3times) O Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands. (3 times) Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen. This prayer must be said for 3 consecutive days and after 3 days your request will be granted and the pray must be published. Thank you. K.T.

The loathed lyrics

EMILY JOHNSON
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Don't ask me to do it, you know that I can't!
All those 'thee's, 'thou's and 'thy's, the 'shall's and the 'shant's!
These old-fashioned words that are no longer used-
I don't care, I won't use them, I simply refuse!

It's not just as simple as jotting words down
There's the scheming, the rhyming, 'round and 'round,
And then there's the edits, the semi-colons, the commas,
Spelling, grammar, punctuation and cliffhangers, for drama.

Ballads are boring, stanzas are stupid, and
Cuplets are their very own curse.
Haikus are horrid, though most would agree
That iambic pentameter's the worst.

I don't mean to be rude or potentially rude,
For these are my feelings expressed.
If you wish to write, then scribble with might,
If it brings you true happiness.

Now I confess, with much disinterest,
That I will never love poems, as you see,
I dare you to try, though you may beg or cry,
You will never get a poem out of me!

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